

College Readiness* Benchmarks on Approved Diagnostic Assessment Tests

Test	PLAN**	PSAT 2014 and earlier**	PSAT 10 and PSAT/NMSQT 2015 and Future**	Asset (NCCCS Cut Score)	COMPASS (NCCCS Cut Score)	Accuplacer (NCCCS Cut Score)	NC DAP (NCCCS Cut Score)
English	15	45	26 or a composite score of 460 for Evidenced-Based Reading and Writing	41 Writing	70 Writing	86 Sentence Skills	Composite score of 151 or higher ***
Reading	18	47	26 or a composite score of 460 for Evidenced-Based Reading and Writing	41 Reading	81 Reading	80 Reading	
Mathematics	19	47	24.5 or 510	41 Numerical Skills and 41 Int. Algebra	47 Pre-Algebra and 66 Algebra	55 Arithmetic and 75 Elem. Algebra	7 on each assessment for DMA 010 thru 060

In addition to the diagnostic assessments, colleges may use the following SAT and ACT scores recommended by the testing companies as benchmarks for college readiness:*

SAT (Pre-March 2016)		SAT (March 2016 and Future)		Pre-ACT		ACT	
English	500	Evidence-Based Reading and Writing	480	English	18	English	18
Critical Reading	500			Reading	22	Reading	22
Mathematics	500	Mathematics	530	Mathematics	22	Mathematics	22

*To be eligible for enrollment in a College Transfer Pathway, students must demonstrate college readiness in English, reading, and mathematics on an approved test or tests. Eligibility may be demonstrated by achieving the required scores on a single test or by combining test scores from any of the approved assessments. For example, a student may combine a 19 on PLAN math with an 86 and an 80 on Accuplacer sentence skills and reading to demonstrate college readiness.

**PLAN, Pre-ACT/PSAT scores recommended by ACT and College Board as indicators of college readiness.

***The Reading and English part of the NC DAP is an integrated assessment of reading and English skills; meeting the composite cut score for placement into ENG 111 is one way to demonstrate college readiness in order to participate in the College Transfer Pathway.